

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CR2013-003456-002 DT
CR2013-429700-002 DT

01/09/2014

HON. ROLAND J. STEINLE

CLERK OF THE COURT
A. Chee
Deputy

STATE OF ARIZONA

MARYANN MCKESSY

v.

LANE MEREDITH NICHOLSON (002)

SHERI M LAURITANO

COMPREHENSIVE PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

9:08 a.m.

Courtroom CCB 1301

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| State's Attorney: | Kristen Valenzuela |
| Defendant's Attorney: | as stated as above |
| Defendant: | Present |

Court Reporter, Janelle Rose, is present.

A record of the proceeding is also made by audio and/or videotape.

Court and counsel discuss pretrial matters.

IT IS ORDERED affirming the Firm Trial Date of 3/4/2014 at 8:00 a.m. before the Master Calendar Assignment Judge in Courtroom 5B in the South Court Tower. All subpoenaed witnesses are to report to Courtroom 5B in the South Court Tower for trial and will be directed to the trial court from there.

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IT IS ORDERED vacating the Pretrial Conference set on 2/25/2014 at 8:30 a.m. before this division and setting Comprehensive Pretrial Conference on 2/6/2014 at 8:30 a.m. before this division.

IT IS ORDERED affirming the Settlement Conference on 1/22/2014 at 8:00 a.m. before the Master Calendar Assignment Judge.

JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

No less than two working days before each Case Management Conference, the parties shall file a Joint Case Management Report. This report will inform the court of:

1. The specific progress made since the last Case Management Conference in completing activities previously established by the court and the parties;
2. Specific case preparation to be completed before the next Case Management Conference;
3. Witnesses who have been interviewed in the preceding month;
4. Witnesses who will be interviewed in the upcoming month;
5. Pending issues to be resolved.

IT IS ORDERED that no time be excluded. LAST DAY REMAINS: 4/17/2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED affirming prior custody orders.

9:11 a.m. Matter concludes.

This case is eFiling eligible: <http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/efiling/default.asp>. Attorneys are encouraged to review Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-140 to determine their mandatory participation in eFiling through AZTurboCourt.

TRIAL MANAGEMENT ORDERS

IT IS ORDERED that the Joint Pretrial Statement (JPTS) is due in this division by 5:00 p.m., five (5) judicial days before the TMC which was set in the trial setting order or trial, if no TMC is set. The Trial Management Conference shall be heard the morning of trial unless counsel requests an earlier date.

Each Party must disclose the name of the Expert Witnesses no later than 2/4/2014.

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If the State and/or Defense wish to offer Expert evidence, the proponent of the evidence shall provide the name and address, the subject matter on which the expert is expected to testify, a summary of the facts and opinions to which the expert is expected to testify.

Request to extend the deadline set this date must be done pursuant to Rule 15.6(d). Failure to request an extension may result in the preclusion of the evidence.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any disclosure and/or discovery shall be completed no later than seven (7) days prior to trial. Any party seeking further disclosure and/or discovery after the discovery deadline shall seek leave of the Court by motion supported by affidavit to extend the time for disclosure and/or discovery. Parties may extend the deadline by written stipulation which waives any objections to the late disclosure and/or discovery.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED with the JPTS, Counsel shall deliver to this division, copies of the following:

- A. A jointly-completed time and witness estimate list. The Court will use the list to predict the length of the trial for the jurors and to direct Counsel to follow the trial time limits established. Any time limitation set will be reasonable presumptive limits subject to modification upon a showing of good cause.
- B. A joint set of agreed-upon preliminary and final jury instructions. This does not include Preliminary Criminal RAJI or Standard Criminal RAJI which the Court will give without request.
- C. Separate sets of requested instructions that have not been agreed upon. Please read *Rosen v. Knaub*, 175 Ariz. 329, 857 P.2d 381 (1993). Proposed voir dire questions which the Court will give.

In jury trial cases the parties shall jointly prepare a brief summary of the case which the Court will read to the jury at the commencement of voir dire.

Any juror notebooks. The Court encourages use of juror notebooks in appropriate cases. Stipulating the contents in evidence is necessary. Key exhibits may be included, along with diagrams, photographs, and timelines.

MOTIONS IN LIMINE

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Any motions in limine shall be filed thirty (30) days before the TMC is set and such motions must meet the test of State v. Superior Court, 108 Ariz. 396, 397, 499 P.2d 152 (1972): "The primary purpose of a motion in limine is to avoid disclosing to the jury prejudicial matters which may compel a mistrial." See also, Ariz. Rules of Evidence, Rule 103(c). A written response to a motion in limine may be filed no later than ten (10) days thereafter. The Court will rule on the motions in limine without oral argument. If the Court wishes to hear argument, the argument will be heard at the morning of trial if no TMC is set. No replies shall be filed.

PRETRIAL MOTIONS

All pretrial motions must be filed in writing twenty (20) days before TMC. All motions must comply with Rule 35.1 including setting forth a sufficient factual basis for the motion. Failure to file a sufficient motion may result in the motion being denied without evidentiary hearing. See: Rule 16.1[c] Rule 16.2[b]; State v. Londo 215 Ariz. 72 (App.) (2006); State v. Anaya 170 Ariz. 436, 443 (1992); State v. Wilson 164 Ariz. 406, 407 (1990) and State v. Alvarado 121 Ariz. 485 (1979).

MARKING EXHIBITS

At least five (5) judicial days before the TMC, the trial lawyers or their knowledgeable assistants shall appear in this division to present all exhibits. The exhibits will be marked serially as they are listed in the LIST OF EXHIBITS which will be prepared by counsel and downloaded onto a disk which should be given to the clerk. The parties shall advise the division, referring specifically to the pretrial statement, which exhibits may be marked directly in evidence. All exhibits will be clearly marked to correspond with the list provided. Counsel is directed to meet in person to exchange the exhibits before coming to court. Counsel will make sure that they do not bring to the clerk a set of exhibits that include duplicate exhibits. Written stipulations to admit specified exhibits in evidence are encouraged.

The Court will hear and rule upon objections at the TMC. The rulings will be stated on the record, using exhibit numbers. All objections to known exhibits and witnesses must be made before or during the Trial Management Conference or will be deemed to have been waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel, at the TMC, shall be prepared to discuss:

- A. Time limits in voir dire, opening statements, examination of witnesses and closing arguments.
- B. Stipulations for the foundation and authenticity of exhibits.

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C. Jury instructions (preliminary and final), juror notebooks (Counsel shall bring any proposed jury notebooks to the conference), mini-opening statements and voir dire.

D. Any special scheduling or equipment issues.

Status of settlement of the case.

EXPEDIATED DISCOVERY

If there are any issues as to the disclosure required under Rule 15, the parties shall attempt to resolve the issue under Rule 15.7 (b). After personal consultation the party seeking relief shall fax or e-mail a one page letter seeking forth the issue and counsel requested relief. The Court will convene a conference to resolve the issue.

LAST DAY CALCULATION

Counsel shall notify the Court within ten (10) days after the minute entry is posted that there are errors in the last day calculation.

Failure to object will be deemed a waiver, see Rule 8.1(c) and rule 8.1(d).